



July 10, 2023

Re: Support for HF 207

Dear Chair Hansen and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to submit comments related to H.F. 207 to the committee. The League supports continued funding for the Lawns-to-Legumes program, which has been a popular financial assistance option for city residents who want to change the type of landscaping they use.

A growing number of Minnesota cities have responded to local interest and chosen to adopt city ordinances allowing property owners to develop landscaping consistent with the requirements to participate in this program. Lawns-to-Legumes has proven to be a helpful tool for city residents who wish to have that sort of landscaping on their property and helps them do it correctly and with appropriate vegetation management.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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